



# Equity Council Agenda

**Zoom Meeting Time: December 16, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

## Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the Council members.

## COVID-19 Vaccination | RI Department of Health (RIDOH) Consultant Dr. Philip A. Chan

- Rhode Island received its first delivery of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine – 10,000 doses to be distributed to frontline health professionals — as part of Phase 1 of the State’s vaccine distribution plan. Find more information at <https://www.ri.gov/press/view/40004>.
- The COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed through a phased approach that centers equity as a guiding principle. For more information, visit <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>.

## COVID-19 Data Update | RIDOH COVID-19 Coordinated Response Lead at the Rhode Island Department of Health Julian Drix

- Age-adjusted COVID-19 data makes the disparity between white populations and Black/Latino populations more visible.
- Over \$138,000 in cash assistance has been distributed to over 173 households that have one or more COVID-positive individuals.

## Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- There was discussion about what communities will receive which type of vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, etc.).

## Next Steps

- State staff will work on getting a response to unresolved questions regarding the prioritization of vulnerable communities when distributing the COVID-19 vaccine and the distribution of cash assistance.
- RIDOH staff will work on posting age-adjusted data to the COVID-19 data website: <https://ri-department-of-health-covid-19-case-data-rihealth.hub.arcgis.com/>

## Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

